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SUBJECT: ITU/ INTELSAT- USSR/JAPAN SERVICE

1. JAPANESE REP AT CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY TOLD U.S. REP THAT USSR IS INSISTING 1980 OLYMPIC GAMES BE BROADCAST TO JAPAN USING MOLNIYA SATELLITE. USSR PREPARED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTABLE EARTH STATION IN JAPAN. GOJ HAS DETERMINED THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT BE CONTRARY TO ITS DOMESTIC LAWS.

2. GOJ BELIEVES HOWEVER ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ILLEGAL, IN VIEW GOJ INTELSAT COMMITMENT. INTELSAT FACILITIES COULD BE USED, BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE EXPENSIVE. ARRANGEMENT WOULD REQUIRE LANDLINE TO LVOV EARTH STATION; SATELLITE CONNECTION TO WESTERN EUROPEAN EARTH STATION WHICH CAN SEE INTELSAT INDIAN OCEAN SATELLITE; SATELLITE CONNECTION TO SUCH SATELLITE; AND SOWNLINK TO JAPANESE EARTH STATION. ALTHOUGH THIS INVOLVES A DOUBLE HOP, IT PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT AFFECT ADVERSELY A ONE WAY TV BORADCAST.

3. ALTHOUGH GOJ GELIEVES PROPOSED MOLNIYA SERVICE WOULD FALL UNDER INTELSAT ARTICLE XIV (E), SEPARATE FACILITIES
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FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES, U.S. THINKS SERVICE MAY NOW PROPERLY BE CONSIDERED INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC, THUS FALLING

UNDER ARTICLE XIV (D). PRELIMINARY JUDGMENT OF U.S. REP
IS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC HARM TO
INTELSAT FROM LOSS OF TV REVENUES IF SERVICE ESTABLISHED ON
MOLNIYA FACILITY.

4. GOJ REP HAS ASKED IF USSR HAS APPROACHED U.S.
BROADCASTERS ON USE OF MOLNIYA FOR 1980 OLYMPICS, AND IF SO,
WHAT TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE CONTEMPLATED. HE ASKS
FURTHER WHAT USG VIEW OF ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE, AND ESPECIALLY
APPLICABILITY OF INTELSAT PROVISIONS. U.S. REP WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY INFORMATION SOONEST. SUGGEST THAT IN ADDITION TO BROADCAST
AND COMMON CARRIER BUREAUS AT FCC, COMSAT'S INTELSAT STAFF
(BOURNE: 554-6153) MAY BE HELPFUL. CATTO

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